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ORDER NO. 2759

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Robert G. Taub, Acting Chairman; Tony Hammond, Vice Chairman; Mark Acton; Ruth Y. Goldway; and Nanci E. Langley

Competitive Product Prices
Priority Mail Contract 44 (MC2013-2)
Negotiated Service Agreement

Docket No. CP2013-2

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR TEMPORARY RELIEF

(Issued October 16, 2015)

The negotiated service agreement approved in this proceeding (Existing Agreement) is set to expire October 20, 2015. On October 13, 2015, the Postal Service filed a motion for temporary relief seeking to extend the expiration date of the Existing Agreement.²

The Postal Service states that it has been working with the customer to negotiate a successor agreement, but extenuating circumstances have led to a failure to reach an agreement in time for the Postal Service to file a new agreement 15 days prior to the

¹ See Docket Nos. MC2013-2 and CP2013-2, Order No. 1508, Order Adding Priority Mail Contract 44 to the Competitive Product List, October 19, 2012, at 5.

² Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief, October 13, 2015 (Motion).

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intended effective date. Motion at 1. The Postal Service intends to have a new agreement signed within the next two weeks, and plans to file it with the Commission shortly thereafter. *Id.* at 2. The Postal Service requests the Commission grant a 30-day extension to avoid the prospect of an interruption in the customer's access to negotiated rates while negotiations continue. *Id.*

The Motion is granted. The expiration date of the Existing Agreement is modified to November 19, 2015, unless terminated earlier pursuant to the terms of the agreement. Temporary relief is in the public interest and will not prejudice any person.

It is ordered:

- The Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief, filed October 13, 2015, is granted.
- The Existing Agreement will expire November 19, 2015, or the day after the Commission completes its review of the successor agreement, whichever occurs first.

By the Commission.

Ruth Ann Abrams Acting Secretary